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# ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

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N.S. 113B-1893

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FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BOWMAN OFFICIAL NO. 117584  
CHRISTIAN NAMES Eric Jack MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS Norwich, Ontario. RELIGION Baptist.

DATE OF BIRTH 15th Feb. 1922 \*PLACE OF BIRTH Norwich NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN Mrs. M. Bowman. (Mother)  
Norwich, Ontario.  
\*Original Nationality of:  
Father Dutch County  
Mother English Province Ontario.

\*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page

## (A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet <u>5</u>	Inflated <u>34½</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Scar over nose on forehead.</u>
Inches <u>8¼</u>	Deflated <u>32½</u>				
<u>135</u>	Mean <u>33½</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING 2 Years High School. Norwich High School  
Norwich, Ontario. TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY Dairyman. Pollard Bros.  
Norwich, Ontario.

DATE OF ENROLMENT 11th June, 1941. RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED Ord. Smn. for V.S. R.C.N.V.R. DIVISION, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, AT WHICH ENROLLED London

## (B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) That \* (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Reserve, or Territorial Force.

\* (b) ~~I served in~~ for the period shown, and attach my record of service, in corroboration of this statement.

\*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
	<u>NIL</u>		<u>Personnel Records Division.</u>
<p><b>ENTERED IN PAY LEDGER N.S.H.Q.</b></p> <p><b>FAIR</b> I have never been rejected for or discharged from any account of unfitness.</p> <p>(4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.</p> <p><i>ROUGH</i> 14 Peter Search 18/7/41</p>			1. Noted in Rec r.l.s. . . . .
			2. Index Card . . . . .
			3. Non Sub. Card . . . . .
			4. His Majesty's Forces on . . . . .
			5. Roneo Strip . . . . .
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			7. . . . .
			8. . . . .
			DATE <u>15/7/41</u>

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the.....London.....Division of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service if called upon in time of war or emergency, and, if called into active service, to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest Divisional Commanding Officer or to Training Headquarters prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

Dated this.....11th.....day of.....June, 1941.....

Signature of applicant.....Eric Jack Bowman.....

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named, in my presence, and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this.....11th.....day of.....June, 1941.....

.....Lieut J.V.C. Macdonald.....  
Signature of and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I,.....Eric Jack Bowman.....do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors according to law.

Signature of Applicant.....Eric Jack Bowman.....

Witness.....Lieut J.V.C. Macdonald.....

Date.....11th June, 1941..... Rank.....LIEUTENANT, R.C.N.V.R.....

The Oath of Allegiance may be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

(E) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

.....Eric Jack Bowman.....having been duly enrolled to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, I have caused his name and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the Record Book of the.....London.....Division of the R.C.N.V.R. or in the appropriate official documents.

.....Lieut J.V.C. Macdonald.....  
Attesting Officer.

.....11th June, 1941..... R.C.N.V.R. Division (or other establishment).....London.....

NOTE.—This form when completed and when the particulars on it have been noted in the Divisional Commanding Officer's Record Book, is to be forwarded to Headquarters, Ottawa, for custody.

The Certificate of medical examination, B-207, and certificates of previous service are to be sent to Headquarters, Ottawa, with this form.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after they have been examined at Headquarters, Ottawa.

# CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Eric Jack BOWMAN

## in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number. <u>V 17584</u>
<u>Halifax Nova Scotia</u>	<u>London Ontario</u>	"
		"

Date of Birth..... February 15, 1922

Place of Birth..... Norwich Ontario

Place of Residence..... Norwich Ontario

Trade brought up to..... Dairyman

Religion..... Baptist

Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil)

Mrs M Bowman  
Norwich Ont  
(Mother)

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date..... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....

P.S.T. Date..... 19..... Signature..... Rank.....

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
<u>June 11 1941</u>	<u>June 16 1941</u>	<u>Hostilities</u>	<u>Ordinary Seaman</u>			

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								
	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry.....	<u>5</u>	<u>8½</u>	<u>33½</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Scar over nose on forehead</u>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service.....								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service.....								
Further Description if necessary.....								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

# NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	LEDGER		RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
		List	No.				
1941	<i>active Service</i> R.M.V.R. London			Ord. Sea	June 16	11 Aug	Ofd to Stadacona
1941	H.M.S. Signal School	-	-	-	12 Aug 41	30 Sep 41	
	<i>St. Hyacinthe</i>			-	1 Oct 41	29 Oct 41	
	<i>Stadacona</i>			-	30 Oct 41	8 Mch 42	
	<i>Ottawa</i>			-	9 Mch 42	15 June 42	
	-			M.A.B.	16 June 42	15 June 42	
	-			A.B.	16 June 42	13 Sep 42	D. D.

**Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants**

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
25-4-42	Issued D.C.T.W. 20078	





V17584

OFFICIAL NUMBER

FILE NUMBER

113-B-1893

OFFICIAL NUMBER

V17584

NAME

BOWMAN  
(Surname)Eric Joch  
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH

15 Feb. 1922

PLACE OF BIRTH

Norwich, Ont.

OCCUPATION

Dairyman

RELIGION

Baptist

EDUCATION

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No.

Town

Norwich

Province, etc.

Ont.

ENGAGEMENTS				DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE			
Date (in figures)			Period	Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates	
Day	Month	Year									From	To
11	6	41	H.O.	5'8 1/2"	Blonde	Brown	Med.	Scar over nose on forehead.				

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil)

Mother

NAME (in pencil)

Mrs M. J. Joch

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No.

Town

Norwich

Province, etc.

Ont.

MEDALS, CLASPS, HURT CERTIFICATES, PRIZE MONEY				EXAMINATIONS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.							
Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			PARTICULARS
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
				14	2	42	Qual. "TR"				

BADGES, G.C. OR G.S.				BRIEF PARTICULARS OF WARRANT OR C.M. PUNISHMENTS AND C.P. CHARGES							
Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
Day	Month	Year					Day	Month	Year		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT

From

To



V17584

OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BOWMAN  
(Surname)

Eric Toeh  
(Given Names)

OFFICIAL NUMBER V17584

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date			Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
London Div. Str.	Ord. Smn.	11	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	13	9	42							
Duty Div. Hdqtrs.	" "	16	6	41		V.G.	Sat.	31	12	41							
H.W.C.S. Stadacona	" "	11	8	41													
St. Hyacinthe	" "	30	9	41													
Stadacona	" "	31	10	41	A/A.B. 16-6-42 S.C.												
Ottawa	" "	9	3	42	Rated A.B. 16-6-42 (2494 22243)												
DISCHARGED	Able Smn.	13	9	42	"Missing, believed killed in action" (Casualty List)												

GENERAL REMARKS

Camp Hill Hosp. 21-11-41 to 2-12-41.

Canadian Memorial Cross to:  
Mother: Mrs. M. Bowman,  
Washington Avenue,  
Norwich, Ont. 9/11/42.

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE	CIVIL	OCCU	RELI	ED	PERM	RESIDENCE	PRV	ENL	RANK OR RATE		
DY MO YR	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GRN	P	CTV	TOWN	SERV	DIV.	A	BR	RANK
15 2 22	11	600	0	60	X	136	03	0	16	0	08	95
ENLIST. DATE	ACT. SERV. DATE	STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE	SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE							
DY MO YR	DY MO YR	CAT.	DY MO YR	ESTAB.	A	BR	RANK					
11 06 41	16 06 41			0350	0	08	91					
SENIORITY	STR.	NON-SUB	M	CODED		CHECKED						
DY MO YR	VE	CAT.	A B ST.									
1307	42	07	00	00	20	13-09-42	HR					



LA/IF

File: N.S. 113-B-1893

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
- Naval Service -

Ottawa, Canada,

23 September, 1943.

(Date)

Sir:

The following casualty has been reported -

NAME RANK or RATING NAVAL NO.  
**BOWMAN, Eric Jack** **Able Seaman,** **V.17584, R.C.N.V.R.**

DATE OF ENLISTMENT - **11th June, 1941. Active Service: 16th June, 1941.**

DATE OF DISCHARGE - **15th September, 1943.**

HOSPITAL - \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If discharged in hospital under jurisdiction of D.P. & N.H.)

SERVICE - **Canada & High Seas.**  
 (Indicate whether in Canada only; or in Canada and on high seas or elsewhere).

Reason for discharge and when and where any disability was incurred; or where death occurred.

**"DEAD" - Missing, believed killed in action. He was on board H.M.C.S. "OTTAWA".**

(Show clearly whether death or disability due to enemy action, accident or disease, and whether it occurred in Canada, or on the high seas or elsewhere outside Canada).

NEXT OF KIN & RELATIONSHIP -

RELATIONSHIP **Mother** NAME **Mrs. M. Bowman**  
ADDRESS **Washington Avenue, NORWICH, Ont.**

NOTE: If records indicate that rating was separated from his wife, legally or otherwise, details to be furnished and copy of any Court Order, the Separation Agreement, etc., to be furnished.

OFFICER'S OR RATING'S MONTHLY PAY ALLOTTED TO WIFE AND/ OR DEPENDENT

\$ **20.00** PAID TO **Still in force**

MARRIAGE ALLOWANCE AT \$ **Nil** PER DIEM PAID TO - **Nil**

DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE AT \$ **Nil** PAID TO **Nil**

TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENT TO - WIFE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Computed by Rd. DEPENDENTS \$ **20.00**  
Checked by [Signature]

[Signature]  
SECRETARY,  
NAVAL BOARD.

The Secretary,  
The Canadian Pension Commission.

Copy to: The Sec., D.P. & N.H.

(See reverse side for further instructions.)

DJM/IM

NS. 113-B-1893  
FD. 1735

25th September, 1942.

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Dear Sir:

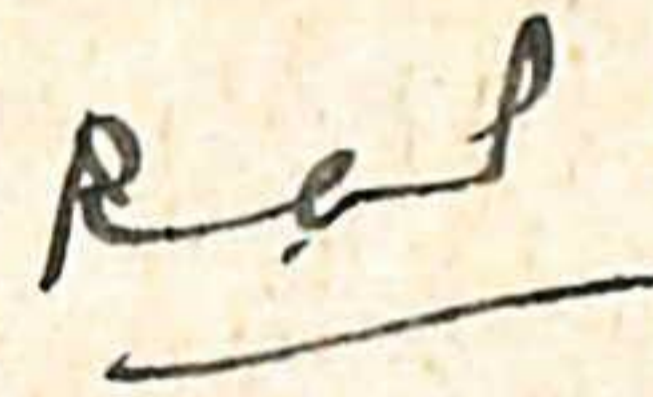
With reference to your letter dated 22nd September, 1942, regarding Eric J. Bowman, Able Seaman, R.C.N.V.R., O.N. V.17584, I am directed to inform you that this rating was reported "missing believed killed in action" on the occasion of the loss of H.M.C.S. "Ottawa" as a result of enemy action.

All of the ships which were in company with H.M.C.S. "Ottawa" at the time of the loss have since arrived in port and it is regretted that this rating was not amongst the survivors then landed. Accordingly, no hope can be held out for his survival.

I regret that at this time it is not permissible to inform you of the date of the loss of H.M.C.S. "Ottawa". You will be informed, however, immediately approval has been given for the official release of the date of the loss.

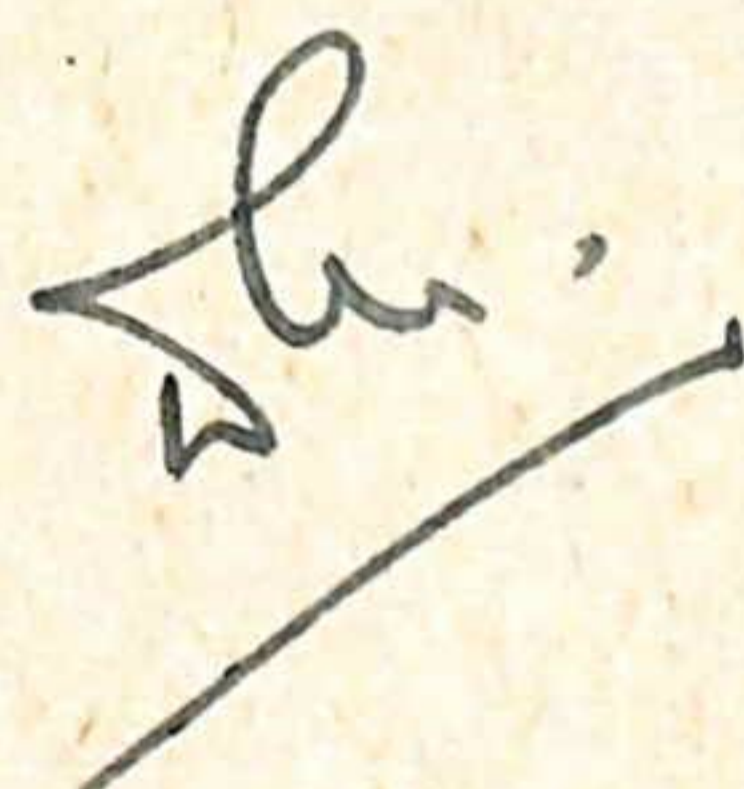
Yours truly,





Secretary, Naval Board.

Mr. Moles,  
Financial Secretary, Canadian Order of Foresters,  
NORWICH, Ont.



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MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

**RDNVR Mar. 43 "OTTAWA"**

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

(1) MEDALS  
PERSON

ENTITLED TO Mr. George M. Bowman - Father

ADDRESS: Washington Ave.,  
NORWICH, Ont.

(2) MEMORIAL CROSS

WIDOW

ADDRESS:

(3) MEMORIAL CROSS

MOTHER Mrs. M. Bowman

ADDRESS: Washington Avenue,  
Norwich, Ont.



(3) 9-11-42

D OF D 13-9-42

AWARDS NAVY

D.D.

BOWMAN	Eric Jack	V-17584	A.B.	FILE No.
SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT

WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)

No. Nil

DATE DESPATCHED:

ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	6332
War Medal	

(THE REVERSE TO BE USED FOR ESTATE PURPOSES)